Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A ~~folding roll for a~~ folding apparatus comprising a pair of folding rolls which cooperate to fold a sheet fed into an inlet gap between the rolls, each said folding roll comprising:

at least one cylindrical surface having at least one frictional area to which a layer of frictional material has been applied by thermal spray coating, said at least one frictional area being bounded by ~~deeper~~ areas on said cylindrical surface to which no friction material has been applied.

2. (currently amended) [[A]] The folding ~~roll as in~~ apparatus of claim 1 wherein said at least one frictional area comprises a plurality of ~~four cornered~~ frictional areas arranged in a regular pattern.

3. (currently amended) [[A]] The folding ~~roll as in~~ apparatus of claim 1 wherein said ~~at least one~~ layer of frictional ~~area~~ material comprises a strip of frictional material running spirally around each said cylindrical surface.

4. (currently amended) [[A]] The folding ~~roll as in~~ apparatus of claim 1 wherein said at least one cylindrical surface comprises a plurality of cylindrical surfaces axially separated by circumferential channels for tape lines, each said circumferential channel having a

circumferential surface provided with at least one frictional area to which a layer of frictional material has been applied by thermal spray coating.

5. (currently amended) [[A]] The folding ~~roll as in~~ apparatus of claim 1 wherein said layer of frictional material has a ~~depth~~ thickness of about 0.3 mm on said frictional areas.

6. - 10. (canceled)

11. (new) The folding apparatus of claim 2 wherein said frictional areas are rhombus-shaped.

12. (new) The folding apparatus of claim 1 wherein said layer of friction material contains tungsten carbide.

13. (new) The folding apparatus of claim 1 wherein said layer of friction material is one of an oxide-ceramic and a metal-ceramic.

14. (new) The folding apparatus of claim 1 wherein said layer of friction material has a surface roughness of up to 0.2 mm.

15. (new) The folding apparatus of claim 4 further comprising a plurality of tape lines running in the channels in the folding rolls.

16. (new) The folding apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a folding former for feeding a sheet into the inlet gap between the rolls.